

City of Saginaw
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City of Saginaw
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Held at Saginaw Public Works Conference Room
205 Brenda Lane, Saginaw, Texas
June 11, 2024

Present at the meeting:

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| Joe Stout | Place 3 | Chair & Welfare Org Member |
| Karen Metzler, DVM | | Veterinarian |
| Jose Wheeland | Place 4 | Animal Services Manager |
| Breanna Farley | Place 5 | Involved in Shelter Operations |
| Judy Deller | Place 7 | |
| Laura Yandell | Place 8 | |
| Spencer Meara | Alt 1 | |
| Megan Le | Alt 2 | |

Visitors at the meeting:

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| Lee Howell | Assistant City Manager |
| Connie Stout | Mid-Cities Community Cats |
| Debbie McClendon | Rescue Volunteer, Arlington, TX |

(A) Call to Order

Joe Stout, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

(B) The Committee continued discussion of a Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program for Saginaw, including definitions for feral, stray and community cats. The Committee discussed ordinance elements line by line and continued outlining the duties of a “Kitty Committee” that would be responsible for overseeing the TNVR program. The Committee recommended a three-person Kitty Committee that would include one animal welfare representative with experience in TNVR, a member of the Animal Services Advisory Committee, and the Animal Services Manager or his/her designee. Debbie McClendon and Spencer Meara volunteered to serve on the initial Kitty Committee, and the Advisory Committee members verbally approved their appointments to serve. Further discussion led to the group deciding to take the ordinance to City Council at the first meeting where it could be added to the agenda, and Advisory Committee chair Joe Stout made a motion as follows:

“A motion to recommend the TNVR program and draft ordinance to the City Council for consideration and approval.” Spencer Meara seconded the motion and it passed unanimously,

(C) The Committee heard details of the 2024-2025 Budget Request from the Animal Services Manager. Jose Wheeland provided a detailed explanation for each budget item and answered many questions.

(D) Members of the public attending the meeting made brief comments endorsing the benefits of TNVR and their experience of seeing it work in other cities.

(E) The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.